

**SCOTTSDALE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
15000 NORTH AIRPORT DRIVE, SCOTTSDALE, AZ**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2004  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Donald Maxwell, Chairman Tom Guilfooy Bill Mack Fred Madanick	Leonard Tinnan, Vice Chairman Phil Vickers Mike Osborne
<b>STAFF:</b>	Scott Gray, Aviation Director Gary Mascaro, Asst. Aviation Director Jennifer Lewis, Airport Planner	Chris Read, Asst. Aviation Director Matt Johnson, Airport Specialist
<b>OTHER(S):</b>	Councilman Wayne Ecton John Bivens, Quilite International Norm Geisenheimer, Resident Jeff McClain, Resident	John Meyer, SNAPOA A. Rosen, Resident Mark Somers, Bancorp Services Nick Luongo, Resident

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session for discussion and consultation for legal advice with the City's Attorney of the Airport Advisory Commission regarding the Northwest Blast Fence Issue.

Mr. Scott Gray informed the Commission that Mr. Paul Norman, the Assistant City Attorney, would not be present at the meeting tonight, therefore, the Commission did not go into Executive Session this evening.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Item 1 - Action**

Approval of the Minutes of the January 14, 2004 Meeting.

Vice Chairman Tinnan made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Mack seconded the motion and the Minutes were approved.

Chairman Maxwell inquired if there was any discussion. Commissioner Vickers responded that he had a question on the section "Items from the Commission" on page 11, last paragraph. Commissioner Vickers stated the first sentence reads, "...every pencil..." and it should read, "...every parcel..."

Commissioner Vickers then stated on page 9, Item 13 – December Noise Report, that he would like Commissioner Mack to retract his statement concerning the number of houses built as 5,000, as the City's Planning Director reported that only 455 units had been built in the City.

Chairman Maxwell responded that was out of order, as the question is if that was what was recorded in the minutes was correct. Commissioner Mack stated he did not say there were 5,000 houses built in

Scottsdale, but Maricopa County had built over 5,000 in the past year. Commissioner Mack responded the minutes correctly recorded his comment.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Maxwell stated he had a public comment card from Mr. A. Rosen. Mr. Rosen stated he has been a 20-year resident of Scottsdale and gave a brief summary of his background and experience. He noted he has not seen a lot of improvements for general aviation, such as hangar and shade facilities, and noted the higher fuel prices in Scottsdale. He would like feedback from the Commission if there are any plans for improvements.

Chairman Maxwell stated the new FBO has plans to build hangars on land they've leased, but he didn't know in what timeframe. Mr. Gray added that he would like to meet with Mr. Rosen and inform him on general aviation facilities.

## **AERONAUTICAL BUSINESS PERMIT(S)**

### **Item 2 – Action**

Ratification of Airpark Aeronautical Business Permit for Bancorp Services to conduct aircraft sales, aircraft management, and hangar shade leasing services in the Scottsdale Airpark.

Mr. Matt Johnson advised the Commission that Bancorp Services has provided the appropriate documentation required in the Airpark Minimum Operating Standards. He added this is an existing hangar facility in the Airpark and the associated permit fees are anticipated to generate approximately \$4,980 in annual revenue to the Aviation Enterprise Fund. Mr. Johnson noted that Mr. Mark Somers of Bancorp was present to answer any questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Vickers inquired if any of their pilots have signed a voluntary noise abatement program. Mr. Somers responded he has and that Mr. Johnson has received it.

Commissioner Mack made a motion to approve the Airpark Aeronautical Business Permit for Bancorp Services. Vice Chairman Tinnan seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7-0.

### **Item 3 - Information**

Aeronautical Business Permit Additions, Cancellations, or Revocations.

Mr. Johnson advised the Commission the current list of permittees has been provided in their packet, and asked if the Commission had any questions.

Commissioner Mack inquired what happened to Air Ambulance. Commissioner Guilfoxy asked if the Commission would be provided a synopsis of their departure and their lessons learned. Mr. Gray responded that Air Ambulance moved their aircraft to Deer Valley Airport and cancelled their permits at Scottsdale. Commissioner Guilfoxy inquired what were the circumstances of the departure, and whether there was a lesson to be learned in respect to existing tenants, conflict resolutions, and keeping tenants at the airport. Mr. Gray responded there was an ongoing dispute, and the customer decided to leave. Mr. Gray stated that Commissioner Guilfoxy is referring to the possible revocation hearing that was scheduled for an appeal hearing, which did not take place because they opted to leave Scottsdale. Mr. Gray added he does not believe staff would have done anything differently as it is their opinion that there were some violations of the rules and regulations. Mr. Gray added that if they want to come back to Scottsdale they would have to reapply for permits.

Commissioner Madanick inquired if there were any other air ambulance services operating at Scottsdale. Mr. Gray responded there were none based here; only transient operators that come and go from time to time. Commissioner Vickers inquired what type of aircraft Air Ambulance operated. Mr. Gray responded they had three aircraft, two Lear 36's and a Lear 25 Stage 2 aircraft. Commissioner Vickers expressed his opinion that it was good that their Stage 2 aircraft is gone.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Item 4 – Action**

#### **Northwest Blast Fence Issue.**

Mr. Gray stated this item was an informational item at last month's meeting and that the Commission had indicated they would like to bring it to tonight's meeting for possible action. Mr. Gray added the action report provided in their packet details the key considerations. Mr. Gray added that Commissioner Mack had toured the area and spoke with the property owners.

Commissioner Mack stated he met with Mr. Chris Read and they drove up and down the taxiway, observing the fence and the blast area, checking to see where the debris comes from. He added he spent an additional two hours on the inside of the fence. He then described the particular building, its size, and the screening and type of fencing already in existence. He noted it's not the jets, but the tail draggers and piston pounders that turn at that end of the taxiway to do their run-up and checks and since they are so low to the ground, they are kicking up the rocks and dirt under the fence. He added the debris under the fence is partially on the property owner's side and partially on the City's property.

Commissioner Mack added the only thing they might do is to extend the screening and see what they can do to clean up the loose rocks and debris.

Chairman Maxwell noted that Mr. Bivens of Quilite International wished to speak to the Commission. Mr. Bivens stated his company has developed a superior glass-looking block noise and protection wall. He stated he would like to meet with the Commission to provide more information on the capabilities of their product.

Mr. John Meyer stated he represents the Scottsdale North Property Owners Association (SNAPOA) and there are two problems he would like to bring to the attention of the Commission. One is the blast fence which was installed after the building was built and he would like to request that the blast fence be relocated. The second issue is the blast wall. Mr. Meyer said they are requesting the City look into this as jets getting ready for departure have their exhaust systems facing the open doors of the building and this causes a fume and noise problem, in addition to the debris problem. Mr. Meyer stated he is aware of a wall being constructed on the northeast side due to the owners filing a lawsuit against the City as the City had installed a taxiway after that building was erected. Mr. Meyer stated the City is also putting a blast wall on the southeast side. He restated his request for the City to relocate the blast fence, and to consider building a blast wall as they are doing on the northeast and southeast side.

Commissioner Vickers inquired if they could provide an estimate of what the costs may be to have the blast fence removed and to erect a blast wall. Mr. Gray responded he does not have the numbers on what either one would cost, however, one of the issues in the Part 150 Study that is being evaluated is the location of the run-up blast fence.

Commissioner Vickers inquired of Mr. Meyer if the property owners he represents have considered partnering with the City to see if they can do something with the costs. Mr. Meyer responded he believes that they are open to any discussions that need to take place to resolve the issue.

Commissioner Mack made a motion that the property owners and the City get together to work out a resolution to the blast fence issue. Commissioner Vickers seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7-0.

### **Item 5 – Information**

#### **Aviation Enterprise Fund Five-Year Financial Forecast.**

Mr. Gary Mascaro advised the Commission that this informational item would be brought to the Commission as an action item at the next meeting. He advised this is a preliminary draft of the Aviation Enterprise Fund Five-Year Financial Forecast. Mr. Mascaro noted the purpose of this forecast is to

identify the Airport's overall revenue and expenditures, including all capital improvement programs, and to ensure that we continue to recover all costs associated with the Airport to eliminate the need for general fund subsidies. He added the financial forecast incorporates both the operating and capital expenditures, in addition to the 90-day operating reserve in accordance with the Aviation Financial Plan. Mr. Mascaro added they are presently working with Financial Services to establish a repair and replacement reserve. He added there are no plans to increase the fee structures at this time.

Mr. Mascaro responded to questions from the Commission regarding the Aviation Enterprise Fund Five-Year Financial Forecast and provided additional details on the calculations provided in the forecast. Some additional discussion ensued regarding federal and state grant monies, economic impact of privatization, sources of funds, and growth trends. Mr. Gray interjected since most of the land is already developed, he does not foresee any major increase the number of businesses or operations.

Vice Chairman Tinnan inquired if they had looked into his suggestion to lower the landing weight for transient landing fees for additional revenue. Mr. Gray said they did not pursue that as it would not be a significant amount of money to warrant the costs and staff time to bill these smaller aircraft, and it is very difficult to track since most of them do not fly IFR.

Mr. Mascaro advised the Commission that he will have another draft of the Five-Year Forecast next week, and in the next two weeks they will be meeting with Mr. Craig Clifford, the City's CFO and his staff and they will go over the plan before presenting it to the Commission as an action item.

## **PILOT/COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE**

### **Item 6 – Information**

January 2004 Noise Report.

Ms. Jennifer Lewis reviewed the details of the January 2004 Noise Report. Commissioner Guilfoxy asked for clarification on the color coded graph and stated the legend was confusing regarding 95 percent of complaints coming from commercial airliners. Mr. Gray responded it only applied to type of aircraft, but the other graph refers to 95 percent as noise. He asked that the colors be consistent to make it easier to follow.

The Commission discussed an editorial that suggested ways to remedy noise complaints at the airport, which included closing the airport between certain hours, and changing takeoff and landing altitudes. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that they cannot have a curfew without the approval of the FAA and before that happens they have to complete the Part 150 Study and if a Part 161 is recommended the City Council would have to decide if they wished to move forward with it. Mr. Gray provided the Commission with the timelines involved in going through these studies and the approval processes.

Vice Chairman Tinnan asked why the noise complaint calls were higher in January. Ms. Lewis responded that there were several special events occurring in Scottsdale and there were four new callers from north Scottsdale. She also explained that one caller accounted for 197 calls. Commissioner Guilfoxy added that 13 people accounted for 70 percent of the calls.

Commissioner Vickers stated he does not believe that their voluntary noise compliance pledge program is working. He thinks the intent is excellent, but they originally sent out 800 pledges and only got 110 back, and since the wording in the pledge was revised an additional 30 or so pledges have been returned. Commissioner Vickers asked if it was time to send out a second request to these people who have not responded and get the program moving along.

Chairman Maxwell asked approximately how many aircraft fly between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Ms. Lewis responded that, on average, about five.

Ms. Lewis stated the response she's gotten from the good neighbor pledges has been positive, and generally people are willing to cooperate. Chairman Maxwell agreed that for a voluntary effort it was a very good response.

Vice Chairman Tinnan questioned if the complaints about helicopters were related to helicopters that were based here. Ms. Lewis said she is working with the helicopter operators here to reduce the level of impact in that area. Ms. Lewis said the individual making these complaints does not want any helicopter traffic at all. Additional lengthy discussion ensued regarding helicopter operators, their financial impact to the airport, outreach efforts, and Ms. Lewis addressed specific questions regarding individual noise complaints that were repetitive in nature.

Mr. Jeff McClain, resident, said a couple of years ago he experienced a clear change in corporate jet traffic over his home. He believes the airport is an important facility but at times he feels some aircraft are 1000-1500 feet over his home and he is about 10-15 miles north of the airport. Chairman Maxwell responded that what Scottsdale controls is only within a 5-mile radius of the airport, and that flight pattern has never changed.

## **OPERATIONS UPDATE**

### **Item 7 – Information**

Review of Airport Operations for January 2004.

Mr. Chris Read provided the Commission with a review of Airport Operations for January 2004. There were no questions or comments from the Commission.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

### **Item 8 – Action**

Review/Modify 2004 Meeting Schedule.

There were no changes to the 2004 Meeting Schedule.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Norm Geisenheimer stated he is from Ironwood Village and he disagrees that the flight patterns have not changed. He added that three years ago all the aircraft were coming in over WestWorld, however, lately they are coming over Ironwood Village. Mr. Geisenheimer stated he feels like the pilots don't care about flying over Ironwood, and out and the situation is getting worse, not better.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Item 9 – Information**

Aircraft Museum Status.

Mr. Gray stated the Mayor received a letter from the museum indicating their desire to cease development of the aircraft museum. Mr. Gray added he believed their decision had to do with funding and they are in the process of canceling their lease and moving out of the old fire station. Staff is working on correspondence to the FAA to solidify some development options such as building heights, location and so forth on those two parcels. Once that is received, the City will be working to come up with some development proposals on those parcels, and ultimately that will go out to bid for consideration.

### **Item 10 – Information**

Williams Gateway Radar Update.

Mr. Gray provided the Commission with an update on the Williams Gateway Radar. He noted there is some confusion on what we mean when we say radar. There are actually two separate radar topics; Williams Gateway radar is one and is already in existence, and the other is the new ASR 11 radar proposed to be installed in North Phoenix. Mr. Gray added the Williams Gateway radar has been of significant interest to the City for many years and is being used by the Scottsdale Tower to identify general locations of aircraft.

Mr. Gray stated that at the desire of the City of Scottsdale, the FAA was doing analysis on the ASR 8 equipment at Gateway to determine if that radar could actually be used for radar separation for the air traffic controllers at Phoenix TRACON. Mr. Gray advised that they have received communication from the FAA that the radar cannot provide radar separation for Scottsdale or the north valley.

Mr. Gray stated the ASR 11, which is proposed to be installed at Central and Union Hills would provide down to the ground coverage for both Scottsdale and Deer Valley Airport. He added that will be a significant addition for the north valley.

Mr. Gray advised they have been working on the visual approach plates which would keep aircraft higher. It was proposed to the FAA to do that now with the BRITE scope capability. However, it does not meet the requirements to initiate those, so they were hoping the ASR 8 could be certified, it cannot, so they are working in conjunction with the installation of the new ASR 11. Mr. Gray added they would be providing additional information to the City Council Subcommittee on Regional Aviation issues next week on the status of the ASR 11 installation and certification. They are also working closely with the City of Phoenix, as they provided the property for the radar, as well as the FAA Western-Pacific region on timing of that radar. It is their goal to have the radar operational as soon as possible and to have it in operation before the new TRACON tower in Sky Harbor opens in June 2006.

Vice Chairman Tinnan asked what drives the timetable for getting this done. Mr. Gray responded the FAA. Vice Chairman Tinnan asked if Congressional assistance could be obtained and Mr. Gray said that is what they intend to ask for and will discuss that with the City Council subcommittee. He added that the Mayor, City Council, and Airport Staff have already sent letters to Congress in the past and it has moved.

#### **ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Councilman Wayne Ecton stated he will be in Washington in early March and Steve Olson and he are invited to talk to some people there about ASR 11 and he found out letters don't do nearly as good as talking to people personally.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Mack made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Guilfoxy seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Maggiola  
Administrative Secretary